

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Board of Visitors for the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Defense

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Board of Visitors for the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation

3b. GSA Committee No.

12170

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

06/13/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

06/13/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

10 U.S.C. 343

13. Effective Date

01/20/2017

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

1

16b. Report Date

11/02/2017

Report Title

Annual Meeting Minutes

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a. Open 1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1 Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Annual Meeting

Start

11/02/2017

End

- 11/02/2017

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

Current FY Next FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00

\$0.00

18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members

\$4,000.00

\$4,000.00

18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff

\$34,000.00

\$34,000.00

18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants

\$0.00

\$0.00

18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members

\$3,300.00

\$3,300.00

18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members

\$6,000.00

\$6,000.00

18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$9,800.00	\$9,800.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
18d. Total	\$63,100.00	\$63,100.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.40	0.40

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The scope and objectives are to provide oversight to the Board of Visitors for the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC). The Board provides to the DoD expert advice on the operations and management of the Institute. The Board inquires into the curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs and academic methods of the Institute and any other matters it decides to consider, or matters that the Secretary of Defense deems appropriate. The duties and responsibilities are advisory and intended to assist the DoD with oversight responsibilities and to review the WHINSEC curriculum to determine whether it complies with U.S. laws and regulations; is consistent with U.S. policy goals toward the Western Hemisphere; adheres to U.S. doctrine; and appropriately emphasizes human rights, the rule of law, due process, civilian control of the military, and the role of the military in a democratic society.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Membership is prescribed in the statute, but for those appointed by the Secretary of Defense, academics and representatives from the religious and human rights communities will be represented, to the extent practicable.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Estimated number of meetings is one per year.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Committee is mandated by law under 10 U.S.C. 343.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Meetings are not closed to the public unless the Department of Defense determines that items on the planned agenda meet the closed meeting provisions of 5 U.S.C. §552b(c). Pursuant to DoD Policy, closed meetings can only be authorized by the DoD Sponsor, the Secretary of the Army or designee, and only after consultation with the Office of the Secretary of the Army General Counsel.

21. Remarks

This Committee was established pursuant to PL 106-398, section 911 of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2001. NLT 60 days following its Annual meeting, the Committee submits a report to the Secretary of Defense concerning its activities, views and recommendations pertaining to the Institute. Department of Defense (DoD) policy between fiscal year 2007 and 2011 required that subcommittee members be listed separately in the subcommittee section of GSA's Database, even if they were duly appointed members of the parent committee. This policy, in some instances, caused a duplication of entries. Beginning in fiscal year 2012, DoD will only list in the subcommittee section of GSA's Database those who are appointed to just a subcommittee. If an individual is appointed to the parent committee and to one of the committee's authorized subcommittees then his or her subcommittee affiliation will be reflected in the parent committee membership section of GSA's Database.

Designated Federal Officer

Daniel M. Klippstein DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Goodman, Louis	04/24/2012	04/23/2018	Dean Emeritus and Professor, School of International Service, American University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Keen, Ken	12/15/2016	12/14/2020	BoV Member	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Maisto, John	06/27/2012	06/26/2018	Board of Advisors, North American Center for TransBorder Studies, ASU; Former Ambassador to Venezuela, Nicaragua, OAS	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McCain, John	01/03/2016	12/31/2018	Chairman, Senate Armed Services Committee	Ex Officio Member
Mendelson Forman, Johanna	12/03/2009	12/02/2017	Senior Associate in the Conflict, Crisis and Cooperation Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington, D.C. Senior Advisor at the Stimson Center. Scholar-in-Residence at American University.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
O'Shaughnessy, Terrence	05/24/2018	12/31/2019	Commander, NORAD and USNORTHCOM	Ex Officio Member
Palacios, Joseph	12/03/2009	12/02/2017	Adjunct Professor of Sociology at the College of the Desert in Palm Desert, CA, and a Research Fellow of the Center for Religion and Civic Culture at the University of Southern California.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Palmieri, Francisco	08/01/2018	12/31/2018	Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State	Ex Officio Member
Reed, Jack	01/03/2016	12/31/2018	US Senator; Ranking Member, Senate Armed Services Committee	Ex Officio Member

Robinson, Lori	05/02/2016 05/24/2018	Commander, U.S. Northern Command	Ex Officio Member
Scott, Austin	01/03/2016 12/31/2018	US Representative (Designated by Chairman, House Armed Services Committee)	Ex Officio Member
Smith, Adam	01/01/2017 12/31/2018	Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee	Ex Officio Member
Tidd, Kurt	01/14/2016 12/31/2018	Commander, United States Southern Command	Ex Officio Member Regular Government Employee
Trimble, Dan	09/09/2014 09/08/2018	United States Immigration Judge	(RGE) Member Special Government Employee
Goodman, Louis [Subcommittee on Education]	05/11/2012 04/23/2018	Academic	(SGE) Member Special Government Employee
Maisto, John [Subcommittee on Outreach]	12/27/2016 06/26/2018	Former Ambassador	(SGE) Member Special Government Employee
Mendelson-Forman, Johanna [Subcommittee on Outreach]	05/11/2012 12/02/2017	Academic	(SGE) Member Special Government Employee
Palacios, Joseph [Subcommittee on Outreach]	05/11/2012 12/02/2017	Academic	(SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 18

Narrative Description

The Board focuses on the Institute's operations and activities including its programs of instruction, acts as a sounding board for the Department of Defense leadership, and serves as a link between the faculty and staff of the Institute and external public policy experts.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

The Board reviews the curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, and academic methods of the Institute in order to recommend improvements and ensure compliance with the legislation.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

103

Number of Recommendations Comments

Approximately 6-10 recommendations per year are made by the committee. In FY18, the Board made 1 recommendation.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

89%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

While all are being considered, some require a continual effort to achieve greater efficiencies. (For example - Metrics)

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

10%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

N/A

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Feedback is provided to the Board through the Executive Secretary. Feedback is in the form of update letters from the Commandant; Information Papers; Update Briefings from the Commandant; Face to Face visits with Board members during the year; Invitations for Board member visits outside of the annual meeting; Normal telephonic, electronic communications.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Based on the expertise and recommendations of the Board, the Agency has reviewed and modified curriculum to better address the needs of partner nation security forces and assist with new regional challenges.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Minutes from the annual committee meetings are posted in the FACA Database.

Congress is provided with an annual report (publication). Contact details for the DFO and Exec Secretary are provided in the FACA Database.